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## **BLUE SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Sean P. O'Toole**, 40, of Blue Springs, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine from Sept. 30, 2002, until Feb. 22, 2003.

By pleading guilty, **O'Toole** admitted that he received a series of nine packages via Federal Express and Express Mail from a co-conspirator in Arizona. **O'Toole** admitted that the packages contained 30 grams of pure methamphetamine.

**O'Toole** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 25, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **O'Toole** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the COMET Drug Task Force, the El Dorado Springs, Ariz., Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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